

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 7:00pm

**MINUTES**

Present: Justin Belkin, President  
John Gagliano, Trustee  
Mike Gonzalez, Trustee

Richard Rapecis, Library Director  
Susan Zapata, Business Manager

Al Coster, CPA, Baldessari & Coster LLP

Excused: William Celona, Secretary  
Michael Shanahan, Trustee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FINANCIAL  
MATTERS**

Al Coster, CPA, Baldessari & Coster LLP, presented the annual audit findings and report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Upon a motion John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board accepted the Baldessari & Coster LLP audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Upon a motion Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved the current bills and Treasurer's Report.

Upon a motion Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board suspended voting on a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings of November 21, 2022 and January 12, 2023.

**BUSINESS  
MATTERS**

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved a Report to the Community.

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved adding to the agenda consideration of a contract for landscaping services by Benedetto Brothers, Inc.

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**BUILDING  
MATTERS**

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved a proposal by J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc. for asbestos abatement services for a roof, ceiling, lighting and HVAC project.

The Board discussed the property located at 75 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, including options for temporary repair and demolition of the house located thereon.

The Board discussed a recent event in Colorado involving drug use on library premises.

**PERSONNEL  
MATTERS**

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, the Board approved the hire of Jacqueline R. Wimbush as a part-time library clerk.

The Board discussed pre-employment background checks and determined the library will not pursue them at this time.

**DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

Department library usage statistics were presented.

Incident reports and correspondence were discussed.

**NOTED AS  
OPEN ITEMS**

Temporary repair and demolition process of a house located at 75 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING**

The next monthly Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**MEETING  
ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Mike Gonzalez, seconded by John Gagliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zapata  
Business Manager